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from Brian Mathis

RE: Request for Additional Time to Comment on the RI/FS and the Proposed Plan, Monticello

Dear Mr. Williamson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Utah Division of Environmental Health (State) would like to request additional time in which to review and comment upon the draft final RI/FS and the "Proposed Plan for the Remedial Action at the Monticello Millsite, Monticello, Utah". We request that the review period be extended until December 18, 1989. This request for additional time is for the purpose of resolving several issues which EPA and the State would prefer to have closure on prior to submitting our final comments. By delaying the submission to December 18th, we will be able to incorporate and/or reevaluate the need for comments in light of our site visit scheduled for December 15th.

EPA and the State believe that resolution of these issues should facilitate DOE's preparation of the final RI/FS, the Responsiveness Summary, and the Proposed Plan. It should also provide direction for the preparation of the Record of Decision. The attention to and resolution of these issues by EPA and the State should facilitate our review and approval of the final RI/FS and the Proposed Plan.

It is hoped that this request for additional time will not adversely Affect the schedule changes which were enumerated in EPA's letter of November 24, 1989. Should DOE determine, after receipt of these comments, that the schedule requires further modification, we will make the necessary adjustments.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at FTS 564-1838.

Sincerely,

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Remedial Project Manager

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